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SUBJECT: BRAZIL LAUNCHES FORUM ON ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CLIMATE
CHANGE

¶1. SUMMARY: The Brazilian Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) has launched a climate change forum to focus on analyzing the main economic, social, and environmental impacts of climate change. IPEA has a demonstrated reputation of substantial experience in the economic valuation of environmental impacts. END SUMMARY.

¶2. The Brazilian Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) held an event on May 14 to launch the IPEA Forum on Climate Change. This forum focuses on analyzing the main economic, social, and environmental impacts of climate change in the country. The IPEA Forum proposes to develop a long term plan (for the next 100 years) to improve Brazil's public policies and to prepare the country for the possible impacts of climate change. The launching was hosted by IPEA, Senate representatives, the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development (University of Brasilia), the Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Brazilian Ambassador for Climate Change, Sergio Barbosa Serra.

¶3. IPEA, a government-led Brazilian research institution which guides government planning and policy based on state-of-the-art research has worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the past and has substantial experience in the economic valuation of environmental impacts. IPEA's Forum on Climate Change will likely collaborate with INPE (Brazil's national space research institute) in obtaining access to satellite-based land use monitoring data.

¶4. Although Brazil has had an official Forum on Climate Change since 2000, past meetings have been infrequent and closed to the public. According to the Ministry of Science and Technology the 2000 Forum is composed of all twelve ministries, the Brazilian Agency of Water Resources (ANA), and representatives of the civil society. It is not clear how IPEA's Forum will fit in the context of the broader Brazilian Forum on Climate Change. Additional information about the IPEA Forum can be found at:
http://200.130.9.7/clima/ingles/brasil/d28080_0.htm

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